



Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Producers continued with corn harvest last week, however progress remains behind normal. There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 21st. Statewide, precipitation averaged 0.57 inches, 0.20 inches below normal. The average temperature was 60.5 degrees, 4.3 degrees below normal. Corn dented reached 95 percent, compared to 93 percent last year. Corn mature reached 56 percent, compared to 44 percent last year. Corn harvest was 6 percent complete, 2 percentage points ahead of last year but 17 points behind the 5-year average. Corn condition was rated at 83 percent good to excellent. Soybeans turning color reached 79 percent, compared to the 5-year average of 75 percent. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 45 percent, up 25 percentage points from last week. Soybean condition was rated at 76 percent good to excellent. Sorghum turning color reached 88 percent and sorghum mature reached 46 percent. Pasture condition was rated at 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 19 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending September 21, 2014

District and State	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Supply				Subsoil Moisture Supply			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Northwest	5.6	7	8	71	14	3	16	73	8
Northeast	5.5	-	6	91	3	1	17	79	3
West	4.0	-	-	63	37	-	13	80	7
Central	3.6	1	5	81	13	2	9	82	7
East	4.7	-	3	94	3	1	8	89	2
West Southwest	4.1	-	4	78	18	-	5	83	12
East Southeast	5.1	-	3	86	11	-	8	87	5
Southwest	6.0	-	23	67	10	1	21	72	6
Southeast	5.8	-	1	76	23	2	3	76	19
Illinois	4.8	1	5	80	14	1	10	82	7

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2009-2013 Average
	September 21, 2014	September 14, 2014	September 21, 2013	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented	95	91	93	93
Corn mature	56	37	44	63
Corn harvested	6	2	4	23
Soybeans turning color	79	57	68	75
Soybeans dropping leaves	45	20	34	46
Sorghum turning color	88	84	90	90
Sorghum mature	46	36	50	58
Sorghum harvested	3	(NA)	2	10
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	96	90	90	95

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending September 21, 2014

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	13	51	32
Soybeans	2	4	18	51	25
Sorghum	2	2	16	68	12
Pasture	1	5	23	52	19

Crop Progress by District: Week Ending September 21, 2014

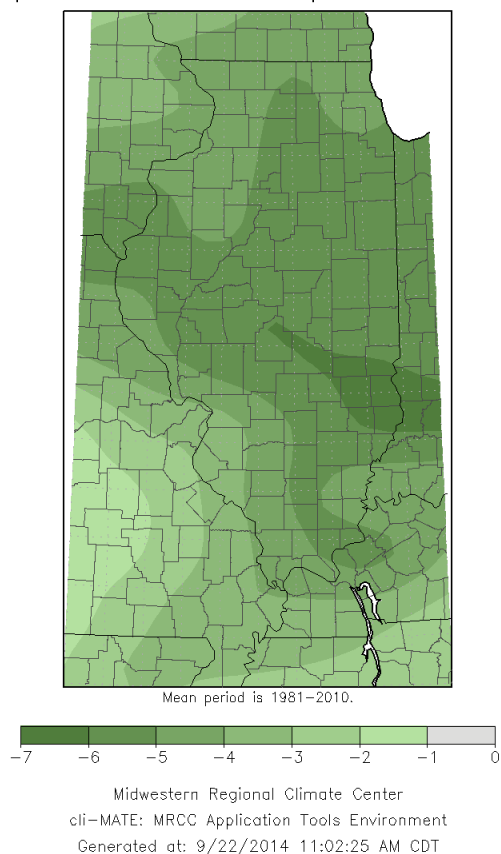
Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented	96	83	99	98	98	96	97	97	95
Corn mature	38	22	70	77	48	64	64	71	79
Corn harvested	5	1	2	5	3	13	6	21	8
Soybeans turning color	83	84	84	89	82	76	80	73	59
Soybeans dropping leaves	44	62	57	61	48	34	47	32	22

Weather Information: Week Ending September 21, 2014

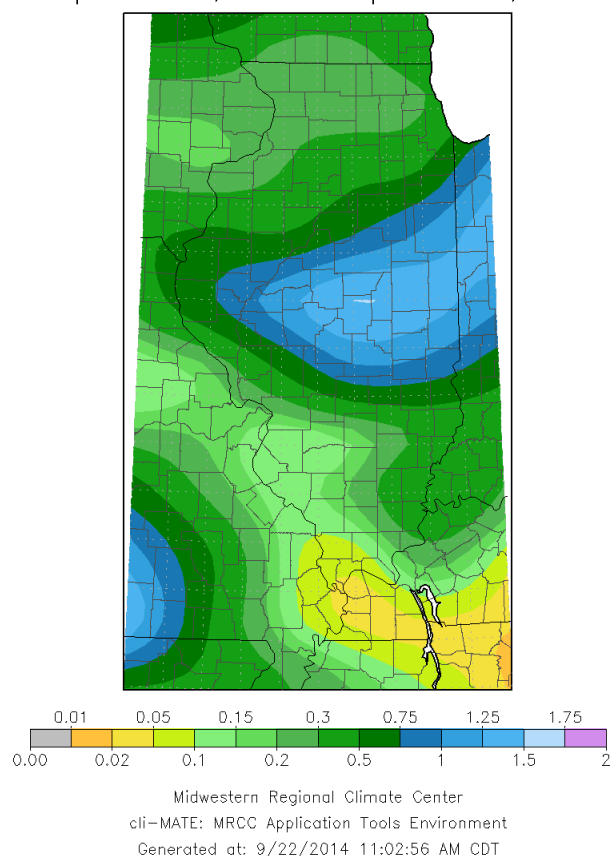
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest	58.5	-3.4	0.29	-0.53	2,580	-99
Northeast	58.5	-4.0	0.34	-0.51	2,536	-111
West	60.2	-4.3	0.66	-0.21	2,816	-123
Central	59.7	-4.8	0.82	0.02	2,771	-105
East	59.5	-4.9	1.09	0.42	2,708	-127
West Southwest	61.1	-4.7	0.65	-0.10	2,932	-108
East Southeast	61.3	-5.1	0.75	0.10	2,927	-134
Southwest	63.5	-3.5	0.17	-0.66	3,120	-44
Southeast	63.6	-3.9	0.33	-0.45	3,177	-24
Illinois	60.5	-4.3	0.57	-0.20	2,826	-101

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
September 15, 2014 to September 21, 2014



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 15, 2014 to September 21, 2014



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